

2020 Q1 Financing Activities

XBRL Element: NetCashProvidedByUsedInFinancingActivities

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Introduction

Financing can mean growth, or it can mean the return of funds to investors, whether it's in the form of debt repayment or dividends. Or it can mean that times are getting tough and it is time to borrow where you can. But looking at the chart below, the colour scheme is very different between this year and last. Note that the positive (black) numbers mean cash was provided by financing activities, and the red meant cash was used in financing activities

The individual highlights

Microsoft was the top provider of financing, returning \$3 billion to debtholders and \$10.9 billion to shareholders with a combination of stock repurchases and dividends for a total cash from financing of \$14.6 billion. They were followed far behind by Google at \$8.2 billion, and General Electric at \$7.9 billion.

The sectors

The communications sector stands out as the only one returning cash to investors, to the tune of \$15.3 billion. Looking a little more closely, this was the result of three powerful stocks, namely Alphabet, AT&T and Facebook. Google stepped up their share buybacks in the quarter ending March 31, to the tune of \$8.5 billion. AT&T did as well, for \$5.5 billion.

The financials sector went on a financing spree, raising \$1.1 trillion in cash in the most recent quarter. Of the 66 companies, 40 raised cash this quarter, compared to 19 last year. JPMorgan tops this list, financing \$362.3 billion. \$298 billion of this came from additional deposits, with another \$49.2 from federal funds.

Outside the financials sector, the Consumer discretionary sector consumed \$70.8 billion in cash, with the top two places held by General Motors and Ford Motor, at \$23.7 Billion and \$12.5 billion respectively. GM issued \$35.8 billion in new debt, and Ford followed with \$26.7.

GICSSector	Q1 2020	Q1 2019
Communication Services	(\$15,290,886,000)	(\$18,763,867,000)
Consumer Discretionary	\$70,766,206,000	(\$11,431,080,000)
Consumer Staples	\$19,953,642,000	(\$6,033,566,000)
Energy	\$11,503,988,000	(\$11,336,800,000)
Financials	\$1,119,586,593,000	(\$41,595,219,000)
Health Care	\$2,052,854,000	(\$30,384,148,000)
Industrials	\$16,972,070,000	(\$13,203,821,000)
Information Technology	\$1,528,355,000	(\$7,408,552,000)
Materials	\$7,724,308,000	(\$3,181,142,000)
Real Estate	\$10,752,081,000	(\$2,922,617,000)
Utilities	\$26,035,856,000	\$4,973,298,000
Grand Total	\$1,271,585,067,000	(\$141,287,514,000)